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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Mr. Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W., Room 700 Washington, DC 20423-0001 FILED

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Re:

Pocket No. AB 875X
R.J. Corman Railhoad Company Bartistown Line — Discontinuance
Exemption — In Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt Counties, Kentucky

Docket No. AB-876X

R.J. Corman Equipment Company, LLC - Abandonment

Exemption -- In Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt Counties, Kentucky

Dear Secretary Williams:

By decision served December 23, 2004 in the above-captioned proceedings, the Board granted an exemption allowing R.J. Corman Equipment Company, LLC ("RJCE")<sup>1</sup> to abandon, and R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Bardstown Line ("RJCR") to discontinue service over, a line of railroad extending from milepost 0.05 at Dawkins, Kentucky to milepost 36.13 near Evanston, Kentucky, a distance of approximately 36.08 miles in Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt Counties, Kentucky (the "Dawkins Line"). The abandonment and discontinuance exemption became effective on January 22, 2005, but was subject to 180-day period for negotiation of an interim trail use/rail banking agreement.

RJCE has changed its name to R.J. Corman Railroad Property, LLC. For convenience, we refer here to RJCE by its prior name, and to RJCE and RJCR collectively as "Corman."

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Corman has very recently been in contact with a state governmental entity interested in negotiating an Interim Trail Use agreement. However, the agency is unable to evaluate and negotiate an agreement in the remaining time, and has asked the railroad to request an extension of time. Corman is agreeable to the extension, and hereby requests that the deadline for entering into an Interim Trail Use agreement be extended to December 23, 2005, which is the current deadline for filing notice of consummation.

Respectfully submitted,

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